

## RECENT WORK BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

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The International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature are now engaged in the publication of decisions taken before the outbreak of war in 1939. These decisions have been embodied in *Opinions* 134–183 and *Declarations* 10–12. Of these, *Opinions* 134–155 and the 3 *Declarations* have already been published or are in the press. The remainder are ready for printing and will be published as soon as funds are available.

These *Opinions* are of particular interest to entomologists, since in addition to 9 *Opinions* relating to the interpretation of various aspects of the International Code, no less than 38 of these *Opinions* are directly concerned with entomological subjects.

The *Opinions* relating to the interpretation of the Code are: *Opinion* 138 (meaning of phrase “definite bibliographic reference” in Article 25); *Opinion* 141 (naming of families); *Opinion* 145 (status of names first published in invalid works); *Opinion* 147 (generic names of same origin and meaning as older generic names); *Opinion* 148 (status relating to names published as emendations of, or substitutes for, older names); *Opinion* 164 (position as regards types when two or more genera are united); *Opinion* 168 (supplementing *Opinion* 65 regarding genera based upon erroneously determined species); *Opinion* 172 (status of type—designations of genera in abstracts, etc.); and *Opinion* 183 (interpretation of Article 8 relating to form in which generic names should be published).

Of the *Opinions* specially concerned with entomological subjects, 6 deal with the status of particular works or with the dates of such works: *Opinion* 136 (Latreille, 1810) affects all Orders of insects; *Opinion* 135 (“Erlangen List,” 1801) is of special interest to hymenopterists; *Opinions* 134 (Freyer, *Neue Beiträge*), 138 (Hübner, *Samml. exet. Schmett* 1807 and Fabricius *Mag.*

*Insektenk.* (Illiger) 1807) and 150 (Hübner, *Verz. bek. Schmett*) are concerned with Lepidoptera and *Opinion* 152 (Meigen, 1800) with Diptera. *Opinions* 140 and 143 deal with certain family names in insects.

The remaining 30 *Opinions* deal with particular generic names in various Orders of insects. These *Opinions* either fix the types of these genera or add the names to the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology*, or do both. Three of these *Opinions* are concerned with Orthoptera; 13 with Hymenoptera and 14 with Lepidoptera.

Each *Opinion* is published separately but *Opinions* are consecutively paged to facilitate the publication of an index on the completion of the volume concerned.

The International Commission are most anxious to secure that *Opinions* are published as rapidly as possible but they are greatly hampered by lack of funds. The Commission therefore appeal to scientific institutions and individual scientific workers for donations to a special fund to be used for the issue of publications. Full particulars of this Appeal are given in Part 2 of the Commission's Official Organ, the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature* published in 1943.

Contributions, however small, will be warmly welcomed and will be acknowledged in the *Bulletin*. Bankers' drafts, cheques, and money orders should be made payable to the "International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature" and sent to the Commission at their Publications Office, 41 Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. All orders for the Commission's publications should be sent to the same address. Inquiries relating to the work of the Commission should be addressed to me at 83 Fellows Road (Garden Flat), London, N.W.3.

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